

Japanese Aging Society and Growth Strategies

~ Perspectives on Demography, Working Population and Regional Economy In

Relation To Sustainable Growth of the Overall Japanese Economy ~

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1. Japanese Aging Society

~ Divide Between Elder and Young ~

Japan's Declining Population (Long-Term Perspective 1947 - 2012)

Number of Births (Left axis, In thousands) and Total Fertility Rate Trend (Right axis, %)



Japan's Population Pyramid Reversed With the Decelerating Economic Growth

• Productive labor force (15 to 64) has undergone a rollercoaster shift from historical surplus \rightarrow past sufficiency \rightarrow recent lack.



Note (*): Above graphs show male / female composition in Millions of people units. GDP CAGR calculated based on World Bank available dataset from 1960 to 2010

Source: Statistic Bureau, Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications, World Bank GDP data (2005 constant USD base)

Trend of Japanese Average Life Span and Future Projections

Forecasts shows that average life span of Japanese people (both male and female) is to continue increasing and therefore further gradually increasing population of 65 and over in the future.



Note (*): Above graph shows actual numbers (1950 – 2010) based on reports issued by Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare. Forecast numbers are based on a study published by National Institute of Population and Social Security Research (January, 2012) and take in consideration assumptions of medium fertility and mortality rates.

Source: Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare, NIPSSR



First Marriage by Gender and Age Groups

• Significant increase of first time marriages for both genders over 30 yrs of age in the last 20 years



Male

Female

Major Agglomerations in Advanced Economies as Percentage of Total Population (Long-Term Perspective 1950 – 2011A with Forecast to 2025E)

 Japan's population tends to significantly accumulate in the wider agglomeration of its capital in comparison to other overseas peers



Source: United Nations - World Urbanization Prospects: The 2011 Revision

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Note (*): Tokyo Agglomeration includes Tokyo Metropolitan Area and neighboring Kanagawa, Saitama, and Chiba Prefectures

Large Population Clusters Have Total Fertility Rate Below National Average

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Migration of Young People to Large Population Clusters Further Stimulates 1 2 3 A Overall Population Decrease





Dark Cloud Over the Future of Regional Authorities

- ◆ All depends on young female population (20 39 yrs of age) as key variable
- In 2040, if young female population decreases by more 50%, <u>there is a high potential</u> especially these regional authorities <u>to cease completely</u>
- This trend is **preventable by consolidation** of these regional authorities:
 - > If below left 896 regional authorities are consolidated, only 373 (20.7%) will experience over 50% decrease
 - > If below right 523 regional authorities are consolidated, only 243 (13.5%) will be affected





2. Japanese Working Age Population

~ Divide Between Earners and Retirees ~



Labor Supply and Demand in Relation to Working Age Population Trend



End of Labor Surplus – Paradigm Shift in Japan's Socioeconomic Issues

• Recent sense of labor shortage is not a temporary phenomenon but chronic and structural issue



Population By Age Groups (In Thousands)

Working Age Population Decrease is Apparent in Regions (Tohoku Example)

Tohoku region lies in the Northeastern part of Japan's main island Honshu



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Complete Unemployment Rate by Region (1 / 2)



Complete Unemployment Rate by Region (2 / 2)





3. Global and Local Economic Spheres in Japan

~ Divide Between Metropolitan & Global and Rural & Local Economic Spheres ~

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<u>Global vs Local Perspective – A Comparison</u>

- Both economies loosely depend on each other but have no direct relation (trickle-down doesn't occur)
- Going forward both G and L sphere require progress. However, the most important thing to do is to prepare policy system and growth strategies that suit individual sphere's specific needs and secure their coexistence.

	<u>G</u> Sphere (Global Economy Participants)	<u>L</u> Sphere (Local Economy Participants)
Market	 ✓ Manufacturing, sector, Large enterprises (Represents 30 - 40% of workforce and GDP) ✓ Global playing field, perfect competition (Global economies of scale, world standard differentiation)` 	 ✓ Service sector, SMEs (Represents 60 - 70% of workforce and GDP) ✓ Local driven, imperfect competition (Economies of density, dispersed industry/competition structure)
Product	 ✓ Physical products, information/data ✓ In principal, procurable 	 ✓ Services (Basically, in-person selling) ✓ Local production and local consumption (same time and place)
Labor	 ✓ Gradual decrease is expected in the long term ✓ Knowledge-intensive (People with a high degree of skills and high wages) 	 ✓ Hollowing occurs less. More likely to improve more in the long term ✓ Labor-intensive (People with average skills and less likely to improve wages)
Characteristics	 ✓ Location choice of production sites does not necessarily link consumption region (Choice of best location in accordance with the purpose of the site) ✓ On international current account basis, economy sphere is the earner of trade and income balance. Important to realize and maintain top level competitiveness 	 Imperfect competition-driven market and difficult market discipline (Limitation by costumer freedom of product selection) On current account basis, economy sphere remains in red numbers. Important to improve productivity in order to minimize these losses
Examples	 Medical devices and pharmaceuticals ICT industry (Non-personal selling) Electronics and machinery 	 Transportation (Rail, bus, taxi), distribution Food & drink, accommodation and counter retail Welfare services (Medical, social work, nursery)



Japan From Global vs Local Perspective – Challenges of Growth Strategy

Global economy sphere (G) and local economy sphere have different underlying economics and industry characteristics. Therefore, individual growth strategies need to be considered based on specific nature of the sphere. Need to create a strategic system related to paradox of globalization (As globalization increases, more GDP) and employment becomes dependent on local economies in advanced economies) <u>G</u> Sphere (Global Economy Participants) <u>L</u> Sphere (Local Economy Participants) Theme Winning the global business "Olympics" Simultaneous regeneration and metabolism (1)Prepare Olympic standard competition environment: ➔ Create world-class location competitiveness and competition rules (Including corporate governance) → World's top athletes (companies and Challenges Simultaneously achieve improvement of local individuals) send to activity base in Asia economy productivity, stable employment and wages through a "gentle" exit & consolidation policy and smart regulation (2) Regardless of company size, increasing Japanese "Olympics medalists" ⇒Increase national wealth (Stock price, trade balance, income balance)

Objectives of Growth Strategy

- ♦ Within the individual strategies for G and L spheres, it is essential to achieve a favorable cycle (Promotion of corporate metabolism and innovation → Improvement of competitiveness and productivity → Increase of workers' wages) aiming for sustainable economic growth but with quite different strategic "menu"
- G sphere-related policy efficiency will created the necessary time reserve by leading the whole Japanese economy, effects in L sphere, representing the larger pie, are realistically to be apparent with a lag



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G Sphere (Global Economy): Strategy and Policy ~ Winning the Global Business "Olympics"~

	 Here Japa 	e, th anes	e key is to build on the latent competitiveness of indivise "Olympic medalists" by preparing the right, world-c	/idu lass	al companies and increase the number of s environment and communicating that with	1
	rest	of th	he world Strategy		Policy	Effect
Improved Corporate Profitability Consumption	High Stock Prices	✓	 Reach out to the world investors and provide with signals that justify the high stock prices → Promote the increase of consumption and investment by the wealth effect 	✓ R -	 Reduction of corporate taxes Appeal to long-term and rational expectations of corporations Local competition perspective 	Short to mid term
	Metabolism	✓	Strengthen the management rules for global companies, increase corporate metabolism (individual & between companies) and bring out the original, potential competitiveness of Japanese companies →Improve corporate growth and profitability, strengthen national wealth by increase of trade and income balance	•	 Obligate multiple independent directors Introduce corporate governance codices Create global section on Tokyo Stock Exchange Reform of GPIF (Government Pension Investment Fund) 	
	Growth Industry	~	 Industrial location policy, specializing in global, high functionality features ⇒ Attracting global companies and VC HQ, R&D functions, mother plants and high production bases to Japan 	✓ ✓ ✓	 Introduce IFRS Deregulation Improve capital efficiency - benchmarking (ROE, ROIC) Building trust in fiscal consolidation 	
		✓	 Raising "super-elite" that can establish globally competitive VB and raise capital need for large technological VC → Promote creation of large scale ventures that can survive the fierce, global competition 	✓ ✓ ✓	Training of VB and VC Deregulation Ensure pogress of fiscal consolidation	Long term
Wage Growth	Labor Market	✓ ✓	Attract and retain knowledge-based industries. Pay high wages to highly-skilled workers. Increase wages in line with corporate profitability improvement	✓ ✓	Improve working and living conditions for highly-skilled workers Labor visa, language and child education	Long term

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L Sphere (Local Economy) Strategy and Policy ~Simultaneous Promotion of "Regeneration" and "Metabolism"~

For L sphere, heavily impacted by decreasing workforce and advancing aging population, it is the time to enact smart regulation and "peaceful' exit and consolidation policy, in order to accomplish simultaneous improvement of productivity, stability of employment and wages. However, L sphere effects GDP and employment significantly but as policies are slower and earlier start is crucial. Therefore, it is important to lead economic policy with focus on G, by a global strategy.

			Strategy		Policy	Effect	
d Wage Improved Corporate Profitability	Capital Markets	✓	 Despite low productivity business exit is less likely to happen. As productivity significantly varies even within the same industry, there is still a growth margin for productivity improvement. → Low productivity companies should peacefully and smoothly reconcile to exit business and capable, 		 ✓ Strengthen debt governance of local financial institutions ✓ Introduce bankruptcy legislation stimulating consolidation and fast revival (Mgmt obligated to fi proceedings (Germany), file requirements (USA) or deregulation of agreed requirements → civil rehabilitation process by majority approval efficient 		
	Pro-Competitive Measures	✓ ✓	innovative managers should be invited to transform to a appropriate scale by converging low productivity and employment in order to boost productivity Intensify public services and create corporate governance model to fit leaders L sphere, suffering from structural and chronic turnout shortage, business exit will not result in unemployment increase but securing workforce as part of productivity improvement	✓	 Reform regulations impeding exit, consolidation and productivity (smart regulation – overcoming many entry related problems) Shift from life-support (credit guarantees, subsidy and special taxation policies) for zombie companies to "gentle" exit SME policy Limit personal guaranteed in event of change or discontinuance of business Exit or business transfer support funds 	Long term	
	Labor Market	✓ ✓	Utilize labor market discopline to promote exit Not likely to hollow but as based on labor intensive model, business could tend to exploit employees (unpaid overtime, etc.) so smart regulation needs to be established	$ \begin{array}{c} \checkmark \\ \checkmark $	Raise minimum wage by industry and region Strengthen labor and safety inspection Strengthen vocational training Improve participation of elder and female workers Benchmark by productivity improvements	Long term	
Increase	Consum- ption	~	Improved profitability leads to wage growth, which further stimulates consumption	~	Increase density of consumption introducing compact cities	_ - 22 -	



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Number of Companies by Industry and Business Size



Source: METI 2012 Economic consensus survey

(Note: Large company = capital stock of JPY 100MN and more, SME below JPY 100 MN or not known)

Number of Employees by Industry and Business Size

- manufacturing. 341 (0.6%) (Units: Thousands of people) 10,039(18.8%) 43,106 (80.6%) Large companies SMEs 10,786 (20.2%)Other entities 4,462 Individuals (8.3%)19,486 (36.4%)=60.4% 5,066 (9.5%)6,959 (13.0%)5,875 47 (11.0%)464 Primary Secondary Tertiary Industry Industry Industry
- SMEs represent 60% of tertiary industry. Overall, SMEs more involved in non-manufacturing activities than

Source: METI 2012 Economic consensus survey

(Note: Large company = capital stock of JPY 100MN and more, SME below JPY 100 MN or not known.

Value Added by Industry and Business Size



Source: METI 2012 Economic Consensus Survey. Note: Large company = capital stock of JPY 100MN and more, SME below JPY 100 MN or not known. Reference: Value Added = Revenue – (All Expenses (COGS+SG&A)+ Wages + Taxes & Dues)

International Comparison of Labor Productivity in Non-Manufacturing Sector

• Japanese labor productivity reaches about a 50% of that of USA, still less than other European peers



Productivity Comparison By Industry & Scale

 In comparison to manufacturing sector, commercial / service sector's median value is lower. Additionally, gap in productivity significantly widens between large and small entities and manufacturing and commercial / service sector.



Source: MOF - Corporate Annual Statistics (2011)

(Note*)

1. Labor Productivity = Value Added / # of Employees

2. Value Added = Labor expense + Interest expense + Rental fees + Taxes & Dues + Net Operating Profit

- 3. **# of Employees** = # of Directors + # of Staff Members
- 4. *Multiple* = Labor productivity of Top 10% / Labor productivity of Bottom 10%

Trend and Breakdown of International Current Account

 Japan is able to sustain positive balance due to trade and primary income (Interest & Dividends) balance by activities of global companies. Recently, trade balance is in deficit so overall positive amount has decreased.





Capital Markets Conditions

Since the start of Abenomics, stock index has risen as result of overseas investors buying in. Recently, index has been struggling to grow further.



___ Foreign Investor Trades ____ Nikkei Stock Average

Japanese Economy and Companies Loosing Position in World Economy







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Problems Facing Japanese Companies



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Relation between Business Scale and Profitability (Global - Miscellaneous)



Global companies perform consistently in scale and profitability, while most of Japan, Inc. is inversely proportionate in these two aspects

Relation Between Business Scale and Profitability (Global – Various Sectors)



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Relation Between Business Scale and Profitability (Global – Various Sectors)



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Relation between Business Scale and Profitability (Japan – Electronics)



While scale increases, profitability deteriorates

List of Small but Global No.1 Companies – Japanese Niche Champions

Publicly listed equipment manufacturers (Arranged in OPM order)							
Company Name	Market Share	Operating Income Margin (%)	Revenues (JPY MMs)				
Fanuc Corporation	Factory automation equipment based on numerical	41.2	538,492				
	controls and servo systems - Top share globally						
Mani, Inc.	Medical and dental instruments – 90% of global market share	35.9	9,694				
NSK (Nakanishi)	World top class dental products	32.3	22,266				
Harmonic Drive	Mechatronic products and speed reducer	21.5	20,159				
Systems (HDS)	technology for industrial robots – 50% of global market share						
Hamamatsu	Photomultiplier tuber – 90% of global market share	21.4	101,858				
Photonics							
Hirose Electric	High functionality connectors for mobile phones	20.6	94,790				
Asahi Diamond Industrial	Wire saws for cutting silicon- 90% of market share	18.7	42,981				
Nicera	Infrared sensors – 60% of market share	17.4	16,462				
Makita Corporation	Electric power tool – global no. 2	16.4	295,711				
Nidec-Read	Semiconductor package and printed circuit board	15.7	9,814				
Corporation	inspection systems – global top market share						
HOYA	Photo mask blanks - 80% of market share	15.1	360,673				
Nidec Copal	Compact digital camera shutters - 70% of market	14.4	29,119				
Corporation	share						
Shimano	Bicycle components – global top market share	14.3	221,770				
MARUWA	Alumina substrates for chip resistors – 40% of global market share	13.8	21,213				
Horiba Group	Engine monitoring equipment – 80% of global market share	12.1	123,456				
DISCO Corporation	Dancing saws – 70% of market share	11.9	89,241				
Nidec Corporation	Small precision motors for HDD – 80% of market	10.7	682,320				
	share						
NGK Insulators	The only NAS battery system manufacturer	10.5	247,818				
DAIICHISEIKO	Miniature coaxial connectors – global no.1	10.0	31,721				
ТНК	Linear motion guides – 60% of market share	10.0	196,866				
Murata	Ceramic condensers – global no.1	7.7	584,662				
Manufacturing							
Ushio	Industrial lighting – global no.1	7.1	150,087				
Source: (K. K. Toyama 2013)							







 Women and foreigners are strongly underrepresented among Japanese corporate executives of leading firms

	TOSHIBA	GE	KAO	P&G	Unilever	Ajinomoto	Nestlé
Executives	36	17	28	16	15	35	13
of which Women	0	4	1	4	2	1	1
% of Women Executives	0%	24%	4%	25%	13%	3%	8%
of which Foreigners	0		1			3	9(5 countries)
% of Foreigner Executives	0%		4%			9%	69%

End of Presentation

